

Washington, DC -- Today, U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced that the U.S. Department of Education has approved a \$144,537 Literacy and School Libraries Program grant for the Cincinnatus Central School.

“As a father, I know firsthand how important reading and education are for our future generations,” **said Arcuri**. “In Congress, I have made it a top priority to ensure our teachers, parents, and schools have the resources they need to provide the best education. This grant will help the Cincinnatus Central School District update their technology and extend media center hours – making sure students have the tools they need to learn. In today’s constantly changing and expanding global economy, it is critical that our children have access to the best possible educational tools and technology. I will continue to fight for the resources our schools in Upstate New York need to grow our economy and raise the next generation of leaders.”

The Cincinnatus Central School District serves 700 K-12th grade students. With this grant, library collections will be updated, computers purchased and school library media center hours will be extended. Access through the library media center will enable students to effectively combine web-based research activities with print sources, and increase students’ motivation and performance assessment through the use of multimodal technology.

The Literacy and School Libraries Program provides students with increased access to up-to-date school library materials, a well-equipped technologically-advanced school library media center, and well-trained, professional certified school library media specialists to improve literacy skills and educational achievement.

“Already this Congress has shown our commitment to education by passing legislation to improve and reauthorize the national Head Start program, add thousands of highly qualified K-12 math and science teachers to our schools, cut in half the interest rates on federal subsidized student loans, and increase Pell Grant awards to expand access to higher education,” **said Arcuri**.

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